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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MIDDLE EAST TRIP BY PRIME MINISTER
FUKUDA

1. PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA TOLD JUNE 10 PRESS CONFERENCE HE WAS CONSIDERING TRIP TO EGYPT, IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA IN SEPTEMBER. DURING JUNE 21 CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, SECOND MIDDLE EAST DIVISION DIRECTOR SUTO SAID DETAILS REMAINED TO BE WORKED OUT. MOFA HAD ASKED AGREEMENT OF COUNTRIES IN QUESTION ONLY AFTER PRIME MINISTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT. THUS FAR NO REPLIES HAD BEEN RECEIVED. IF TRIP OCCURRED, IT WOULD BE FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK IN MID-TO LATE SEPTEMBER. SUTO NOTED THAT SINCE RAMADAN AND POST-RAMADAN CELEBRATIONS WOULD NOT BE OVER UNTIL EARLY SEPTEMBER, TIMING COULD PROVE SOMEWHAT INCONVENIENT FOR HOSTS.

2. COMMENT: GOJ SEES GENUINE POLICY SIGNIFICANCE IN WHAT WOULD BE FIRST PRIME MINISTERIAL VISIT TO REGION OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE TO JAPAN; AND FUKUDA HIMSELF UNDOUBTEDLY LOOKS UPON TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST AS MEANS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BOLSTERING HIS PRESTIGE AT BEGINNING OF AUTUMN WHEN DOMESTIC POLITICAL ACTIVITY WILL INTENSIFY. DOMESTIC EVENTS -- E.G., FALL ELECTIONS, CONVENING OF EXTRAORDINARY DIET SESSION -- MIGHT OF COURSE INTERVENE, BUT MORE LIKELY COMPLICATION, AS MOFA APPARENTLY RECOGNIZES, WOULD BE CONFLICTS WITH SCHEDULES OF HOST GOVERNMENTS. MANSFIELD

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